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First Amendment

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Action dated 4 December 2001, paper no. 7, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 12, 14 and 15 as follows:

1. A feeding and picking device for feeding and picking a standing agricultural crop wherein individual plants in the crop are provided with plant stalks, the device comprising a rotating feeding device having a feeding radius, the rotating feeding element grasp plant stalks and directs the plant stalks to a picking device which separates useable parts from the plant stalks, a chopping device chops the plant stalks, the chopping device has a chopping radius that overlaps the feeding radius of the feeding device.

5. The feeding and picking device as defined by claim 1 wherein the chopping device has a chopping axis and the feeding axis of the feeding device correspond to one another.

12. The feeding and picking device as defined by claim 11 wherein the chopping device has a chopping axis and the feeding axis of feeding device are approximately parallel to one another.

14. The feeding and picking device as defined by claim 13 wherein the chopping device rotates in a chopping direction and the feeding device rotates in a feeding direction, the chopping direction and the feeding direction are identical.